

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (SDAEYC), along with its local affiliates/chapters, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating The Week of the Young Child on April 10-16, 2011; and,

*Whereas*, All young children deserve excellent early care and education, and high quality early experiences make a difference in children's lifelong learning and social success; and,

*Whereas*, All families deserve to have access to affordable, quality care and education for the well-being of their children; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota has a high percentage of working families who rely on quality care for their children on a daily basis through the 922 registered family child care homes, 76 licensed group family child care homes, 195 licensed child care centers, and 153 licensed before-and after-school care centers to care for 44,292 children; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota child care professionals are a key component to building a successful future for each child; and,

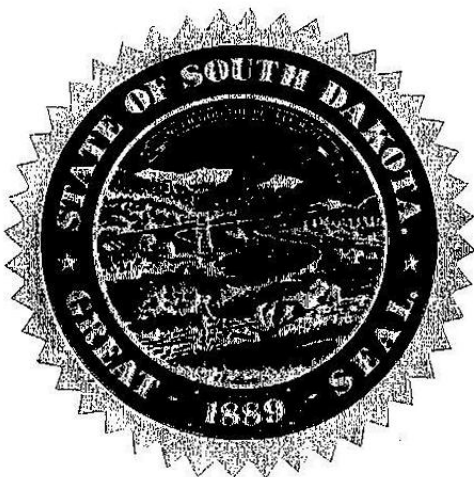
*Whereas*, Recognition should be given to all child care professionals involved in caring for children and families in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, The Week of the Young Child has been proclaimed in order to focus attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibility:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our state.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

*Dennis Daugaard*

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.*

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State